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Mr. Mark Sanchez  
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Dear Mr. Sanchez

The Air Force fully acknowledges its responsibility for cleanup of the fuel plume and is committed to working with you to establish an emergency response plan in the unlikely event that constituents from the fuel plume are detected above safe drinking water limits. Kirtland AFB, with support from senior Air Force leadership, is committed to remediating the plume as quickly as possible, including taking appropriate measures designed to contain contamination to maintain safe drinking water. Kirtland will continue communicating with the public and all stakeholders, including ABCWUA, as we work with NMED on an effective removal system to remediate the plume. To date, monthly sampling results have not detected fuel constituents in any of the Ridgecrest production wells.

Concurrent with the ABCWUA's effort to develop a contingency plan, we would like to work together and fully discuss appropriate response contingencies in the unlikely event that constituents from the fuel plume are detected in any ABCWUA production well above safe drinking water levels. We ask the ABCWUA to meet with Air Force technical experts as soon as possible to identify feasible standards and options for a response, including preventative measures. Kirtland will then be able to document its roles and responsibilities to ensure that residents have access to safe drinking water consistent with ABCWUA's plans. Rest assured, preserving safe drinking water for consumers is our mutual priority.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with you and your staff.

Sincerely

  
JOHN C. KUBINEC, Colonel, USAF  
Commander

cc:  
Dr. F. David Martin, Secretary, NMED